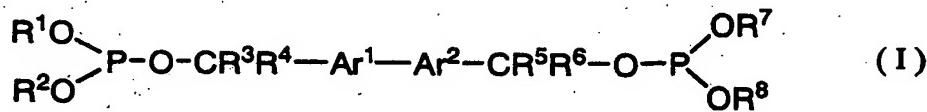


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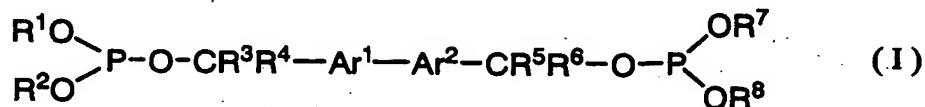
Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): Bisphosphite(s) A bisphosphite represented by the following general formula (I):



[[.]] wherein Ar¹ and Ar² are each independently a substituted or an unsubstituted arylene group; R¹, R², R⁷ and R⁸ are each independently a substituted or an unsubstituted alkyl group, a substituted or an unsubstituted aryl group or a substituted or an unsubstituted heterocyclic group, or R¹ and R² or R⁷ and R⁸ may together form a ring with their associated oxygen atoms and phosphor atom; and R³, R⁴, R⁵ and R⁶ are each independently a hydrogen atom or an alkyl group, with the proviso that the carbon atom bearing R³ and R⁴ and the carbon atom bearing R⁵ and R⁶ are bound to [[the]] their respective arylene groups at the ortho position to the Ar¹-Ar² bond.

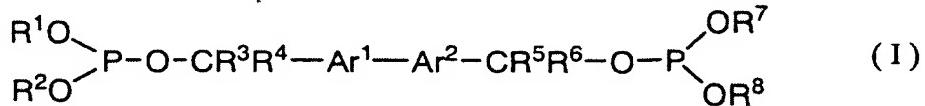
Claim 2 (Currently Amended): A composition containing bisphosphite(s) a bisphosphite and a Group 8 to 10 metal compound, [[the]] said bisphosphite represented by the following general formula (I):



[[.]] wherein Ar¹ and Ar² are each independently a substituted or an unsubstituted arylene group; R¹, R², R⁷ and R⁸ are each independently a substituted or an unsubstituted alkyl group,

a substituted or an unsubstituted aryl group or a substituted or an unsubstituted heterocyclic group, or R¹ and R² or R⁷ and R⁸ may together form a ring with their associated oxygen atoms and phosphor atom; and R³, R⁴, R⁵ and R⁶ are each independently a hydrogen atom or an alkyl group, with the proviso that the carbon atom bearing R³ and R⁴ and the carbon atom bearing R⁵ and R⁶ are bound to [[the]] their respective arylene groups at the ortho position to the Ar¹-Ar² bond.

Claim 3 (Currently Amended): A process for producing ~~aldehyde(s)~~ an aldehyde, comprising reacting an olefin with carbon monoxide and hydrogen in the presence of ~~bisphosphite(s) a bisphosphite~~ and a Group 8 to 10 metal compound, ~~the bisphosphite(s) said bisphosphite~~ represented by ~~the following~~ general formula (I):



[[,]] wherein Ar¹ and Ar² are each independently a substituted or unsubstituted arylene group; R¹, R², R⁷ and R⁸ are each independently a substituted or an unsubstituted alkyl group, a substituted or an unsubstituted aryl group or a substituted or an unsubstituted heterocyclic group, or R¹ and R² or R⁷ and R⁸ may together form a ring with their associated oxygen atoms and phosphor atom; and R³, R⁴, R⁵ and R⁶ are each independently a hydrogen atom or an alkyl group, with the proviso that the carbon atom bearing R³ and R⁴ and the carbon atom bearing R⁵ and R⁶ are bound to [[the]] their respective arylene groups at the ortho position to the Ar¹-Ar² bond.

Claim 4 (Currently Amended): The process for producing ~~aldehyde(s)~~ according to claim 3, wherein [[the]] said Group 8 to 10 metal compound is a rhodium compound selected

from the group consisting of Rh(acac)(CO)₂, RhCl(CO)(PPh₃)₂, RhCl(PPh₃)₃, RhBr((CO)(PPh₃)₂, Rh₄(CO)₁₂ and Rh₆CO₁₆.

Claim 5 (Original): The process according to claim 4, carried out at a temperature of 40 to 150°C.

Claim 6 (Currently Amended): The process ~~for producing aldehyde(s)~~ according to ~~any one of claims claim 3 to 5, wherein, for every 1 liter of the reaction mixture,~~ the Group 8 to 10 metal compound is used in an amount of 0.0001 to 1000 mmol as measured by the amount of metal atom[[]] ~~for every 1 liter of the reaction mixture.~~